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(54) **Encoding and decoding of multi-channel audio signals based on a main and side signal representation**

(57) A method of encoding multi-channel audio signals comprises generating of a first output signal (x'_{mono}), being encoding (38) parameters representing a main signal (x_{mono}). The main signal (x_{mono}) is a first linear combination (34) of signals (16A, 16B) of at least a first and a second channel. The method further comprises generating (30) of a second output signal (p_{side}), being encoding parameters representing a side signal (x_{side}). The

side signal (x_{side}) is a second linear combination (36) of signals (16A, 16B) of at least the first and the second channel within an encoding frame. The method is characterised in that the generating of the second output signal further comprises scaling of the side signal (x_{side}) to an energy contour of the main signal (x_{mono}). A method of decoding is also presented as well as an encoder, a decoder and audio system, all according to the same basic idea.

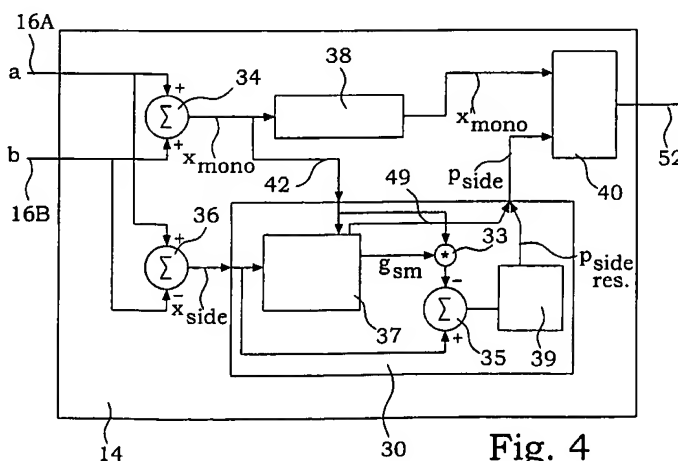


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